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BOARD OF REGENTS

Dr. Worth B. Daniels of Washington, D.C., was nominated by the President to be a member of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine for the remainder of the term vacated by Mrs. Eugenie Mary Davie, whose resignation was accepted by President Eisenhower. The Senate confirmed this nomination on March 16, 1961.

Dr. Daniels is an internist in private practice; he is also Clinical Professor of Medicine at Georgetown University. When the Board of Regents was created in 1956 he was appointed for a one-year term during which he served as the Board's first chairman.

On March 30 the Senate confirmed the nominations of the three members who have been serving under interim appointments since last August: Dr. Hugh H. Hussey, Jr., Dr. Robert M. Stecher, and Dr. William L. Valk.

Two changes have occurred recently in the ex-officio membership of the Board of Regents: Dr. Luther L. Terry replaced Dr. Leroy E. Burney as Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service, and Rear Admiral Edward C. Kenney became the Surgeon General of the U. S. Navy upon the retirement of Rear Admiral Bartholomew W. Hogan.

MEDLARS AGAIN

A news item on the Library's proposed Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System (MEDLARS) in Electronic News for March 27, 1961, has resulted in a sharp increase in the number of systems development firms now considering the submission of proposals. Over sixty firms have requested copies of the specifications and background data (see NEWS, March 1961).

The deadline for the submission of proposals has been advanced from April 10 to April 24 in order to accommodate a change in specifications which will permit firms concerned only with the planning and design to prepare and submit proposals for the initial phase only.

NIGERIAN TRIP

Arrived London February 14; dinner at the Royal Society of Medicine with Wade, Morton, and Bishop... Via Rome and across the Sahara to Kano in Northern Nigeria; then a two-hour flight to Lagos on the coast, arriving on the 16th just before street riots over the Lumumba affair in the Congo... Three weeks visiting two dozen libraries and talking with as many officials in various ministries; among those seen were Mr. R. N. Ukaonu at the Ministry of Commerce; Mr. S. O. Falayi at the Central Medical Library in Yaba; Mrs. Oku at the Lagos Municipal Library; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Schofield at the British Council; Miss Constance Stone of the USIS... Two days in Ibadan; talked with Mr. John Harris, Mr. James Packman, Mr. K. Okorie, Miss Elizabeth Peeler. The University College and its Library first rate, as also the University College Hospital, where I was shown about by Dr. G. E. Edington and Dr. A. Brown... In Lagos again visited the Central Hospital where I saw, among other things, some cases of kwashiorkor... Attended a reception for Governor Williams at the residence of Ambassador Palmer; a band playing "high-life" music out on the lawn; colorful costumes, people, conversation... Submitted report and recommendations to Mr. J. Donald Kingsley, resident representative of the Ford Foundation... Then by air to London; phoned Poynter; had tea with LeFanu, and to New York the next day, March 11... For the Nigerian background recommend Ellen Thorp's Ladder of Bones (1956) and two novels by Chinua Achebe: Things Fall Apart (1958), and No Longer at Ease (1960). [FBR]

MEDICAL SCIENCES IN COMMUNIST CHINA

Under the co-sponsorship of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Science Foundation a Symposium on the Sciences in Communist China was held in New York City last December. Some of the bibliographies and indexes developed for the Symposium are of interest to those concerned with following the development of Chinese medicine, and are now available for distribution.

1. KWIC Index to the Science Abstracts of China. This is a permuted index to the abstracts of 3,300 current scientific papers published in Science Abstracts of China in English since 1958. Copies may be obtained for $1 each from Ryburn M. Ross, Director, Chinese Science Project, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Libraries, Cambridge 39, Massachusetts.

2. Current Holdings of Communist Chinese Journals in the M. I. T. Libraries. This is a list containing 136 journal titles for which microfilm is available. The list is distributed free on request to the above address.

3. Journals in Science and Technology Published in Japan and Mainland China. This selected list, prepared by the Science and Technology Division of the Library of Congress, contains 331 titles and is available on request.

Science News Letter for December 10, 1960, published an extensive list of review papers summarizing Chinese achievements field by field. Translations of many of the papers reviewing activities in the medical sciences are available from the National Library of Medicine.

These lists are in addition to the list of medical journals prepared by the NLM for the Symposium. As cited in the NLM NEWS for February 1961, the list entitled Chinese Mainland Journals: Current NLM Holdings contains information on 69 titles in the fields of medicine and pharmacology. The list is available on request to the Director, National Library of Medicine.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The fifth Internship Program in the National Library of Medicine will commence on September 5, 1961. From seventeen applicants, representing eleven library schools, three young librarians have been chosen to participate in the 1961/1962 program:

Miss Karen S. Hampe
University of Wisconsin
Miss Elizabeth J. Sawyers
University of California at Los Angeles
Mr. David A. Smith
University of Illinois

During the coming year these three interns will have work assignments in all parts of the Library. Their program will also include visits to related institutions, short work assignments in other libraries, regularly scheduled seminars and opportunities for special work and study in subject or language areas.

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This bibliography of 755 references is arranged in four broad subject categories covering laboratory work, animal infections, human infections, and epidemiology. Copies are available on request to the National Library of Medicine

BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS TO INCREASE RUSSIAN COVERAGE

With grant support from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health, Biological Abstracts has announced the establishment of a Translation Bureau to increase the availability of Soviet biological and medical information. The Bureau will translate Russian abstracts from the Referativnyi Zhurnal, Biologiia, and will abstract directly from original Soviet journals. BA plans to publish 5,000 additional abstracts from the Soviet literature during the first year, increasing this to 10,000 by 1963.

FOR THE RECORD

As its moving day approaches, the National Library of Medicine is conscious of the need to preserve for the future a pictorial record of its last days in Southwest Washington. With the assistance of the Medical Illustration Service of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology some sixty pictures have been made of rooms, areas, and activities representative of the National Library of Medicine in early 1961.

INDEX MEDICUS SUBSCRIPTIONS

During the six-month period ending December 1960 the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, received 1,325 new subscriptions to the Index Medicus (70% domestic, 30% foreign). The total distribution of the Index Medicus now approaches 6,000 copies.

NEW NLM BUILDING ATTRACTS FOREIGN VISITORS

There is a growing international interest in the architectural features of the new NLM building. Recent visitors to the construction site include Sr. Adolfo Storni of Argentina and Dr. R. C. Evans of England. Sr. Storni is concerned with his government's plans for a national library for Argentina; Dr. Evans is investigating the requirements for a centralized scientific library facility at Cambridge University.

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